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## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:
Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method for determining the level of glucose in the blood of an individual comprising:
  - (i) obtaining a sample of hair or urine from said individual, said sample being a non-blood sample but containing blood components:
  - (ii) determining the volume of blood in the obtained sample by measuring the level of hemoglobinin hemoglobin in said samples:
  - (iii) determining the amount of glucose in the sample or in the blood cells present in said non-blood sample; and
  - (iv) calculating the level of glucose in the blood of the tested individual based on the measurements in (iii) and (iv).

Claims 2 - 3 (Cancelled)

- 4. (Currently Amended) A—The method according to Claim 1, wherein said non-blood sample is a sample of hair obtained from said individual, the method comprising:
  - (i) obtaining a sample of hair from said individual;

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- (ii) determining the amount of blood and interstitial fluid, if present, in said obtained sample and if necessary, correcting variations between different hair samples;
- (iii) determining the level of glucose in said
   blood andinterstitial and interstitial fluid,
   if present and
- (iv) calculating the level of glucose in the blood of the tested individual based on the measurements in (ii) and (iii).
- 5. (Currently Amended) A—The method according to claim 4 wherein before stage (ii) said blood and interstitial fluid, if present, are first extracted from the a hair follicle of said obtained hair.

Claims 6 - 14. (Cancelled)